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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, EG, IS
SUBJECT: PERES COMMENTS ON AMOCO OPERATIONS

REF: TEL AVIV 5657

1. DURING MY CALL ON DEF MIN PERES THIS AFTERNOON, HE SAID HE WISHED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MY PRESENCE TO COMPLAIN THAT AN AMERICAN SHIP WAS OPERATING TWO AND ONE-HALF MILES OFF THE COAST OF ISRAELI-CONTROLLED SINAI. IT WAS THE SAME SHIP THAT HAD CAUSED DIFFICULTY THERE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. HE SAID THE AREA IN WHICH THE SHIP WAS OPERATING BORE THE CODE NAME GS-382. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE OUR HELP IN PERSUADING THE OWNERS TO MOVE THE VESSEL OUT OF WATERS UNDER ISRAELI CONTROL. THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WAS WILLING TO WITHHOLD ACTION FOR A WEEK OR TEN DAYS IN ORDER TO GIVE US A CHANCE TO BRING ABOUT AN AMICABLE SOLUTION. IF THE SHIP WERE NOT MOVED, PERES SAID, FORCE WOULD BE USED. THIS IS NOT THE TIME, WHEN WE ARE ABOUT TO IMPLEMENT THE INTERIM AGREEMENT, TO LET THIS SORT OF PROBLEM AGITATE OUR RELATIONS.

2. I REPLIED THAT I WOULD OF COURSE INFORM WASHINGTON OF HIS REMARKS; HOWEVER, I DID NOT WISH HIM TO CONSTRUE MY WILLINGNESS TO PASS THESE REMARKS ALONG AS A CONDONATION OF ANY POSSIBLE ISRAELI ACTION OR AS A RECOGNITION OF THE ISRAELI RIGHT TO CONTROL ACCESS TO CONTROL ACCESS TO COASTAL WATERS. WE HAVE NOT
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RECOGNIZED SUCH A RIGHT SINCE 1967 AND THERE IS NO INTERNATIONAL LEGAL BASIS FOR IT.

3. PERES SIMPLY NOTED CURTLY THAT HE WAS NOT ASKING THE USG

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TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO CONTROL COASTAL WATERS OFF
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